

Easter Is Coming. The Store Is Full Of Pretty Things,

And the recent "Opening Days" have demonstrated this store's ability to clothe you fashionably at a minimum of expense. For it is the things that are practical that predominate in fashion displays here, so that the attainment of style in dress is a matter of selection rather than expense.

And the woman who must perforce count the pennies can assemble a Spring wardrobe that is stylish and out of the ordinary, at a cost no greater than she would otherwise pay for garments and fabrics of the ordinary type.

Spring Millinery.

Already we believe the display on millinery for this season far exceeds any the store has had—and this is a store noted alike for the style and the low prices of its millinery.

Not only is the variety unusually broad, but there are so many things not to be seen in any other Oil City display.

For the Little Folk—no less than for older people the showings are more than ever attractive. Here are the daintiest, most fascinating little pattern hats that ever gladdened a little girl's heart. Ribbon is used everywhere; with soft filmy lace and spring flowers; very sweet and new are some hats of Dresden flowered material, finished with a band and tailored bow of black velvet ribbon.

Your own eyes will tell you best what a variety of delightful style notes are sounded in our Millinery Rooms today.

New Tailored Suits at \$25.00.

Realizing that the average woman prefers to pay about \$25.00 for the new suit, we have concentrated our attention upon garments to sell at that price.

That is why you can find today, in this great Garment Section, 25 different styles, many of them copied direct from \$35.00 models, in suits for women and misses.

Serges, novelty crepes, and basket weaves; in greens, rose, tango, Hague, mignonette, navy, brown, and black; also black-and-white shepherd checks. These have the fashionable short coats with their varied lines; some with bright bits of silk or embroidery or soft frills and folds of lace, others with innumerable tailored features—all under the classification—"simply tailored"—\$25.00.

Other suits for Women and Misses at \$10.00 to \$50.00.

The Smart and Silberberg Co

That Rainy Day

May never come, but the odds are against your escape from it. Human experience should teach you to prepare for it. Systematic Savings is the way to begin.

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Chinese Porcelain.

The Chinese have a national art in the production of porcelain. Not until the time of Pallas and Wedgwood can Europe be said to have entered into rivalry with the best works of China. But an enormous difference separates the work of China and Europe. Chinese work in porcelain represents ideas, symbolic usages and perhaps allegories, which have their counterpart in the medieval stained glass to be seen in many of the oldest cathedrals. While these are religious and attempt to embody in colors on a flat ground regardless of light and shade, but in symbolic colors, incidents in the lives of real personages or symbolic conventions associated with religious ceremonies or ideas. Chinese decorative art appeals to a sense of beauty in a manner that would have been appreciated by the ancient Greeks.

Terminology of the Lie.

Mr. Lloyd-George, with Celtic directness, calls it "a lie." The Saxon prefers a periphrasis. Mr. Churchill's "terminological inexactitude" has become a classic, though Mr. Barry Pain did rather well with "mendacious diathesis." The parliamentary evasion is the most polite, for when "the honorable member opposite has been gravely misinformed" the compliment implied is frequently too subtle to carry across the floor of the house. The "Antocrat" defined the lie when he said, "The devil has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all." Mark Twain's definition is equally neat. "A lie," he said, "is an abomination unto the Lord, but a very present help in time of trouble."—London Spectator.

Gladstone's Taste in Sermons.

Gladstone, who never omitted attending service twice every Sunday, had his own idea of what a sermon should be like and the effect it should have upon its hearers. Sir Algernon West records that one morning, coming from the Chapel Royal, the G. O. M. "exclaimed against a very beautiful sermon of Mr. White's, of the Savoy, 'because,' he said, 'he has excited my brain by his quotations and given me anything but the rest which is what I want and expect to find in church.'"

The Crown That Fell.

Superstitious folks find their belief in omens strengthened by an incident which occurred at the wedding of the Empress Eugenie of France many years ago. After the ceremony the emperor and his bride entered the coach, that was surmounted by an imperial crown and gilded and adorned with paintings. This coach had been built for the wedding of Napoleon I. and Marie Louise a number of decades before. Just as the coach began to move forward the crown fell from the roof of the coach to the ground. The eight horses were at once halted, the crown was picked up, and in some fashion or other set in place again. Napoleon turned his head out of the window to learn what had caused the halt, and when informed of the accident by Count Fleury said that it reminded him of an anecdote which he would tell him some other time. "But," remarks Fleury in his memoirs, "I knew it already. A virtually identical accident occurred to the coach at the marriage of Marie Louise."

Ancient Game of Football.

Football is probably the oldest of England's national games. At Derby a game of football was played as early as the third century in commemoration of victory over the Roman legion at Chester. The first football used in the annual game—still played each Easter—is said to have been the head of a Danish invader. In the Isle of Purbeck, too, the free quarrymen from time immemorial have perpetuated their claim to a grant of land by kicking a football across it. In the fourteenth century the game was so popular as to call forth an edict forbidding it, on the ground that it interfered with the practice of more martial exercises. In later times Shakespeare referred contemptuously to the game, but perhaps few would be able to turn up readily the passage in "King Lear" describing "a base football player."—London Standard.

Too True.

"Our washerwoman says it's funny about colors in dress goods."
"What's funny about them?"
"That folks call 'em fast when they won't run."—Baltimore American.

The Distinctive Garment Store

This Week More Than Ever Before

Will the spring showing in this store emphasize the difference between a store that specializes on clothes and one which divides its energies among many things.

The New Suits.

Most of them have short coats, short sleeves and short skirts, and even the stout thort woman can wear them for there are ways tapering even a short coat or a tunic so as to draw one "out." Coats are of the eton, bolero and coatee type, some are somewhat "copish," a renaissance of the cope seems to be in sight, sleeves may be three-quarter or seven-eighth length, some are full length, short skirts are the natural sequence of the bustle and bouffant panier.

The New Dresses.

The "Inside Out" pocket silhouette is the new note in hip drapery. When well managed it is very becoming even to the mature figure.

The New Coats.

All Good Roads Meet in Our Women's \$25.00 Coats.

The Distinctive Garment Store

Henry J. McCarty,

111 CENTRE ST., OIL CITY, PA.

Globular Lightning.

According to Professor W. M. Thornton of Armstrong college, globular lightning descends slowly from a cloud, generally after a violent clap of thunder, in the form of a brilliant bluish ball. It bounds from the earth when it touches and then moves off a few yards horizontally. These balls readily follow an electric conductor—a gas pipe, for instance—and burst when they touch water or sometimes in the open air. The ball then disappears instantaneously with a violent explosion, which may do damage and which produces a strong smell of ozone.

Thornton believes with reason that globular lightning is made up principally of a mass of ozone. This hypothesis explains why the color of the ball is usually bluish, why the luminous mass descends slowly through the air, ozone being of a density about 1.7 times that of air, and finally why the instantaneous disappearance of the ball is accompanied by an explosion, for the transformation of ozone into oxygen liberates a great quantity of energy.

How Sunday Reached the Frontier.

High principle and humor have ever made an irresistible combination. Early merchants on the American frontier conspicuously failed in the observance of Sunday; therefore, when a young New Jersey trader, who had settled at Louisville, Ky., closed his store on the first Sunday after it was opened there was much ado in the town. Other establishments kept open—had he not noticed it? he was asked. Yes, he knew it. Why did he close? He was the first to do so; he must know that also.
"Why," said a facetious merchant, "Sunday hasn't yet crossed the mountains."
"Yes, it has," declared the newcomer, pleasantly. "I brought it with me!" That simple and ready reply proved more effective than any amount of argument, and although he was the first to observe the day in town, he soon had many followers in Sunday closing.

He Curbed Cecil Rhodes.

Rhodes' masterfulness and sense of importance met with little opposition, as a rule, but a little German clerk in the Transvaal government offices at Johannesburg before the war once taught him a lesson. "Please attend to me at once!" thundered the colossal. "I can't wait." "When your turn comes, mister," replied the clerk. "Confound you, man, don't you know who I am?" asked Rhodes. "Oh, yes, I know you, but don't worry about me," was the clerk's unruffled reply. "If you were in Cape Town I'd have you discharged at once!" roared the great man. "Yes," said the clerk, very coolly. "I've heard they discharge people in Cape Town for doing their duty. But this isn't Cape Town—this is a republic."—Manchester Guardian.

Ruse of an Autograph Fiend.

Autograph hunting sometimes proves a profitable pursuit. A French bohemian of the second empire, Ludovic Picard, made a steady income out of it for some years. His most successful coup was accomplished with a letter in which he posed as "one of the unappreciated who is meditating suicide and seeks for counsel and aid in this hour of sore distress." This effusion drew a number of celebrities, including Berninger and Heine. Lacordaire sent ten closely written pages, which were promptly converted into cash. Dickens also fell a victim and took the trouble to answer in French. Eventually Picard was shown up in the press by Jules Sandeau and had to seek another occupation.—London Chronicle.

A Threat or a Promise?

John, a rather backward rustic, sat at one end of the sofa and his sweetheart at the other. Both minds were too full to carry on conversation, but at last the lady spoke:

"John, what are you thinking about?" John, awakened from his dreams, answered with a drawl, "Oh, just the same as you are," and was surprised to get the retort:
"If you do I'll slap you!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

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There Is a Disease Going Around and It's "Catching."

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T.
A.
P.

and here are the symptoms: One man sees another man better dressed than HE is and he knows that HE makes as much money as the well dressed fellow.
When "Curiosity" effects him he finds that the well dressed fellow buys T. A. P. clothes and he don't.
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SITUATION CHANGED LITTLE

Business Conditions Quiet, With Indications of Progress.

Dun's Review of Trade says this week:
"This is the between seasons period in various branches of trade and significant changes in the business situation are lacking. Broadly considered, conditions are quiet, although indications of progress are not wholly absent. There is no uniform trend toward improvement.

"Expectations that the approach of spring would be accompanied by a revival in iron and steel have not been realized and enlarged buying will soon be necessary to prevent curtailment of operations.

"In view of the fact that the prosperity of the country depends largely upon crops, it is gratifying that the outlook for winter wheat leaves little to be desired. Exports of breadstuffs last month were worth less than in the same period a year ago, but this discrepancy was more than offset by the increase in cotton."

"COLONEL" JONES

"Mother" is Commissioned as Officer in Coxe's Army.

"Mother" Jones, leader of the miners, recently released from the military prison in the Colorado strike zone, where she was sent as a disturber of the peace, has been commissioned by "General" J. S. Coxe. The commission carries the title of "colonel" and the aged woman is expected to march with Coxe's army from Massillon, O., to Washington when the "general" goes to the capital to make his demands.
Coxe sent the following telegram to Mother Jones: "Wife and I congratulate you on your release. Imprisonment an outrage. I have commissioned you colonel. Enlist a regiment and join us at Washington May 21."

NO POWER, SAYS COMMITTEE

Judge Dayton's Conduct Will Not Be Probed by Congress.

The judiciary committee of the national house of representatives decided that it had no power to investigate the judicial conduct of Federal Judge A. G. Dayton of West Virginia on the strength of petitions from miners and others who complained of the judge's attitude in connection with strike troubles.

The petitions had been referred to Chairman Clayton by Attorney General McReynolds. A member of the committee said that the regular procedure would be for a West Virginia representative to rise in the house and ask the impeachment.

Widows in Korea.

Widows in Korea never remarry, no matter how young they may be. Even though they had been married only a month they must not take a second husband.



Spring Opening

Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
March 26, 27 and 28.

We have been obliged to postpone this important spring fashion pageant until then through unavoidable delays in changes under way in the Second Floor Garment Section.

However the arrival of new display cases and suit cabinets and the assurance of carpenters and paper hangers that they will be out of our way Tuesday enable us to set the date of Spring Opening for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



The Game of Golf.

On the notice board of a Liverpool golf club, says the Liverpool Post, appear the following verses typewritten on the club notepaper:

Swat the ball and walk a mile.
Swat the ball. It's worth your while.
Walk a mile and swat the ball.
Walk some more. Nor is that all.
Swat the ball and walk—what then?
Swat the ball and walk again.
After that you walk and—what?
Once again in the ball you swat.
Swat the ball and walk still more.
Keep on swatting as before.
When as far as this you've got
Swat and walk, then walk and swat.
Golf, of course, has been defined as a good walk spoiled, and a low comedian once described the game thusly: "You hit a ball as far as you can, and if you find it the same day you have won."



Die geeignete Auswahl von Brillen.

Es sind mehr Augen durch unrichtiges Anpassen von Gläsern als durch sonst etwas ruiniert worden. Hat das Auge mangelhafte Refraction, so muß das Bild aller Gegenstände nach einem Focus auf der Netzhaut durch außerordentlich Tätigkeits des musculus ciliaris gebracht, oder das Bild unvollkommen sein und das Resultat verunstaltetes Sehen mit Schwäche und Schmerz um Augen und Stirn. Dies verursacht Cons gestionen, welche sich durch schwere Augenlider, Rötze, Jucken oder Brennen, ein Gefühl, als sei Schmutz im Auge, und häufigen Schmerz, verbunden mit Empfindlichkeit gegen Licht zeigen. Je schwächer das Auge, desto fühlbarer obige Symptome. Augen mögen physisch stark und gleichwohl schwach sein und umgekehrt.
Um durch Gebrauch einer Brille die Mängel aufzuheben, wird die Tätigkeit der Muskeln geändert, und wenn der Schaden vorüber oder durch zu stark oder zu schwache Gläser nicht aufgehoben ist, so sind die Ursachen der Cons gestionen eher vermehrt statt vermindert. Besteht gemischte Refraction, muß irgend ein handelsglas den Schaden vermehren.
Jeder Schwachsjichtige sollte sich sorgfältig wissenschaftlich untersuchen und Brillen anpassen lassen, ehe er sie in Gebrauch nimmt.
Zu befördern Brillen werden Gläser auf Bestellung geschliffen, in jedem Falle garantiert.

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